50 per cent of the cost of implementing various recommendations of Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa Committee that looked into regional imbalances; and

(b) if so, whether Government have received any proposal from the Kamataka Government for improving the living standards in the Hyderabad, Karnataka areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Letter received from NAC

†2471. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's Office has received a letter regarding way of functioning of Centrally sponsored schemes from National Advisory Council;

(b) if so, the date of receiving the above letter and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for the implementation of these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A letter on restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes has been sent to the Prime Minister from Chairperson, National Advisory Council in February, 2005.

The gist of the letter is that Centrally Sponsored Schemes may be focused around the Millennium Development Goals. It has further been-suggested that the reconstruction and rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes on these lines is operationalized from the coming financial year.

(c) The examination of these issues by the Government is a continuous process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.